

St. Anthony's Parish, Belfast

Pastoral Area of South & East Belfast

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Sunday Morning (in Polish): 9am, & 6:30pm. (English Parish Mass): 11.30am
Weekdays: Mon, Tues & Thurs at 9.30am. Fri at 7pm. (Nov, Dec & Jan at 9:30am)
All English Masses on Facebook. Polish Weekday Masses: Tues & Thurs 7pm, Sat 9am
Confessions: By Arrangement. **Baptisms:** By Appointment

St Bernadette's SVP Conference. If you require assistance, please telephone SVP Regional Office at **028 90351561**.
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Love one another as I love you. [John 15:9-17]

They were his close friends. He had chosen them.

So, sad were they. And sad was he that he must leave the earth.

Yet he loved them so much he could not lose them from his life.

He would place his Spirit deep within them.

And within the rest of us.

Soul of Jesus, constant companion, teacher of all good,

remind us what Jesus said and did, and who he is;

how he loves us and makes his home within us.

And the thing that he asks is that we love one another.

Anne Osdieck

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Eileen Clifford, David McDonnell, Mary O'Hare, Fr Brendan Beagon

Anniversaries: Jim Laverty & Pamela Sheppard, Jack McPhillips, Maria Rose McPhillips, Frank McPhillips, Mairead Hughes, Robert Dunn Snr, Robert Dunn Jnr

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your support. Weekly £192, Renovation £585.44 **Dona DCP*** £55.

Please return Trócaire collections by next week, remembering to convert coin into cash, or send to Trócaire after next Sunday.

Envelopes/Payments. New boxes of envelopes are now available. If you would like a box, please contact Fr McCann in the sacristy and a box can be provided. If your details are incorrect then contact Fr McCann and the details can be updated. You may even think of setting up a **Standing Order** using forms in the sacristy. And you may also consider filling in a **gift aid form**. **Dona Digital Collection Plate (DCP*)** available in the Side Porch with options to contribute to weekly, monthly and diocesan collections. ***For online Dona donation** see <https://donate.mydona.com/st-anthonys-parish-belfast>

The use of the reader can also tie in with the envelope number for this reason. (THOUGH GIFT AID NEEDS TO BE APPLIED IN THE PROCESS TO LINK WITH ENVELOPE NUMBER)

NB. If you miss an Envelope collection please give at the next attendance. But give only for the Sunday you attend. Do not try to catch up collections, say, with a cheque, as the previous collections have already been accounted. You can catch up by giving by cash in the one envelope of that Sunday.

Don't Forget: the Saturday Vigil Mass has been cancelled.

MASSES FOR NEXT 10 WEEKS: Mon 9:30am, Fri 7pm

Craft, Chat & Craic, Continues on Wednesdays at 7:30-9pm, in St Vincent de Paul/ John Paul II Room. Donation £2. All welcome.

Living Church Office: Join us on pilgrimage to Knock Shrine as we participate in the Down and Connor Diocesan pilgrimage. The price £40 per person includes luxury coach and refreshments. Early booking is advised. To book contact Claire Tel: 028 90690920 Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

Big Band for a Big Cause - In aid of Marie Curie charity, you're invited to an evening with Dana and the PM Big Band on Friday May 31st at The Theatre at the Mill at 7:45pm. Vocalists Ceara Grehan and David Hamilton will feature in a night of music featuring songs of Sinatra, Glen Miller, Michael Buble, Tom Jones and Amy Winehouse. Tickets £25 from theatre box office 0300 123 7788.

Called to be a Monk? A Monastic Come and See Day. Sunday 23rd June 2024 Our Lady of Bethlehem Abbey 10am - 5pm. Very often, even if we feel sure that we have some calling or vocation to priestly or religious life, we don't take that first step by ourselves - we need someone else to ask the question! We monks at the Cistercian monastery of Our Lady of Bethlehem, in Portglenone, County Antrim, want to invite men between the ages of 20 and 50 to join us for a day at the Abbey. The day will have a very simple format. Beginning at 10am with a talk and time for discussion and questions; a light lunch; some quiet time; and a tour of the Abbey. This is a day which will seek to provide contact, reflection, immersion and beginning. Perhaps it's the question that you have been waiting for someone else to ask you: how does life as a Cistercian monk appeal to you? To indicate that you would like to attend this introductory day, please email Dom Aelred Magee ocso@firmagee@yahoo.co.uk, or ring 028 25821211, to leave your name and contact details

Parish Safeguarding. Can you please ensure that all Children and Vulnerable Adults are accompanied at all times when entering the Sacristy / Toilet facilities. If you have any queries regarding the Safeguarding Policy please contact a member of the Parish Safeguarding Committee. Many Thanks. Fr Henry McCann PP.

Lough Derg One Day Retreats in May. These guided days of prayer and reflection will take place on Sun 5th, Mon 6th, Sun 12th, Tue 14th, Sat 18th, Sun 25th and Mon 27th. More details can be found at www.loughderg.ie. €45 per person, booking essential. The Lough Derg traditional Three Day Pilgrimage begins on Friday May 31st and continues until August 15th.

Parish of Dunsford and Ardglass. Visit of Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, 13th 14th May, 2024, St Nicholas' Church, Ardglass, Monday 13th May 9.30am - 10pm. St Mary's Church Chapeltown, Dunsford. Tuesday 14th May: 9.30am - 1pm. "To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan".

Programme (as on the flyers in the porch)

Monday 13th May

9.30am	Arrival of Relic to St.Nicholas' followed by Rosary
10.00am	Mass with Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo
11.00am	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
3.00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
7.00pm	Rosary
7.30pm	Mass with Bishop Alan McGuckian
9.40pm	Night Prayer and Benediction

Tuesday 14th May

9.30am	Arrival of Relic to St. Mary's Church Chapeltown followed by Rosary
10.00am	Mass with Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo
11.00am	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Confessions available throughout...Everybody welcome, especially schools!
dunsfordandardglassparish.com (or Facebook). Volunteers needed to help steward the visit: Phone Meave 07742 820018)

Our Lady Of Fatima Rosary Rally. Will take place on Saturday 11th May at 4pm at St Oliver Plunkett Church Lenadon Belfast in the carpark at the Grotto of Our Lady of Mercy. Everyone welcome to come and pray the rosary and prayers of Our Lady of Fatima. This initiative is being held at the same time throughout Ireland in different venues.

Ballyhackamore Golf Society. This cross-community golf society was set up by the late Paddy Macauley in the early 1990's. We golf once per month from March to September usually on a Sunday afternoon at "local" golf courses. We invite new members of all abilities to join us for some golfing fun and craic. Lasting friendships start here. Our first outing is a 9 hole event at Helen's Bay Golf Club on Sunday 19th May 2024 at 10:30am. Contact our Captain Maria Murphy on 07511636219 for more information.

Belfast Jesuit Centre, 193-195 Donegall Street, Belfast BT1 2FL
Climate Redemption: Hope for the World A Discussion with Dom Christopher Jamison OSB Exploring a language more hopeful than the language of doom which hangs over many areas of contemporary life. Sunday 5th May 3 - 5.45pm, followed by 6pm Mass in St Patrick's Church

Celebrating the Gifts of the Breath of Christ A Pentecost Retreat with Tom Cashman A non-residential retreat to deepen your awareness of your own gifts in the Spirit. Embracing them and renewing your will to use them in the service of Christ. Through guided prayer, reflection and spiritual exercises. Fri 17 May, Sat 18 May, Sun 19 May concluding with Mass of Pentecost at 12noon. For all events: Book via www.belfastjesuitcentre.org Or email belfastjesuitcentre@gmail.com Or call 0770 631 6319

Annual Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help. We will celebrate this year with our neighbouring Parishes and our theme will be "Creating a Culture of Care" the Novena will reflect on the love of our compassionate God; a love that knows no bounds. Holy Family Parish Church, Limestone Road, Mon 13th May to Fri 17th May, 9:30 and 19:30, Mon 20th May and Tue 21st May 9:30 and 19:30. St Gerard's Parish Church, Antrim Road; Sat 18th 9:30 and 18:30; Sun 19th 9:30, 11:30 and 19:30. All welcome.

Anam Cara Belfast, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 13th May at 7:30pm in the Balmoral Hotel, Belfast, BT10 ND. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online meeting which takes place 2nd Thursday To join please contact us on 028 95213120

First Holy Communion.
Lough View Integrated Primary & Nursery school children will be making First Holy Communion on Sat 11th May at 11am
Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School children will receive First Holy Communion on Sat 1st June at 1pm. Please keep these children in your prayers.